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For: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL DEVICE  
OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2008, please amend the above-identified  
U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks.**